In the case of Scheduled Tribes, however, there is no reference to religion and hence a member of Scheduled Tribe may profess any religion.

Ban On production of Kcsari Dal

407. SHRI HARI SINGH; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state*:

' (a) whether Government propose to ban production of Kesari Dal in the country; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The production and sale of Kesari Dal is being discouraged by the Government. The following steps have been taken in this regard:

(i) Cultivation of kesari dal is banned in Uttar Pradesh. The States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal have taken steps to replace its cultivation with other suitable pulse or oilseed crops.

(ii) The State Governments have been advised to cultivate low neurotoxin varieties of kesari dal in the kesari growing belts.

(iii) The State Governmentg have been advised to educate the consumers on the harmful effects of kesari dal for removing the neurotoxin before consumption by the methods available.

(iv) The sale of kesari dal and its products of mixture of kesari dal with other dals or for use as an ingredient for preparation of any article of food is prohibited under the P.F.A. Rules, 1955 (Rule. 44 A).

(v) The State Governments have been requested to ban the sale of kesari dal. All States exceepting the States of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal have banned its sale.

Allotment of Rice to Tamil Nadu

408. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Governor of Tamil Nadu has approached the Central Government in June, 1988 to raise the monthly quota of rice for the coming months of the year of 1988; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken by Government on the above demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) **Ye3,** Sir. The Government of Tamil Nadu has been requesting for increase in allocation of rice.

(b) Allocation of rice to Tamil Nadu is presently maintained at the level of 50,000 tonnes a month.

Distribution of feature films

409. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government propose to nationalise the distribution of feature films produced in India; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): No, Sir.

Expansion of AW and T.V. Network

410. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to-expand AIR & T.V. network during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the expansion network drawn up for implementation

by the end of the Seventh Plan period; and

(c) the number of new Radio and T.V. Centres proposed to be set up in different parts of the country during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K- L BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Seventh Five Year Plan, AIR envisages to set up 105 new radio stations and to upgrade the power of a number of transmitters in the country.

As regards Doordarshan, one Programme Production Centre, 14 high power TV transmitters (including 10 set up in replacement of the existing low power transmitters), 69 low power TV transmitters at new locations and 18 very low power (2xlOW) TV transmitters have already been set up during the Seventh Plan period so far. Besides, the number of Programme Production Centres and transmitters operating in Doordarshan network is planned to be increased from 18 to 48 and 260 to 423 respectively on implementation of all the schemeg of Doordarshan's VTI Plan.

(c) *All India Radio*

During 1988-89, new Radio Stations at 2-2 Centres are envisaged to be ready for commissioning.

Doordarshan

Seven new TV Programme Production Centres and 82 TV transmitters are expected to be commissioned during 1988-89.

T.V. serial on. lesser known tribes

411. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make a T.V. serial on "lesser Imown tribes" of the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of the lesser known tribes identified in different parts of the country; and

(c) the steps taken to show the T.V. serial on such tribes?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Doordarshan is already telecasting a series of programmes on lesser known tribes of India in its morning transmission. These programmes are telecast on every Wednesday at 7.35 a.m. for a duration of 14-15 minutes. Doordarshan has so far identified 17 tribes from different parts of the country which are as follows:

1. Rabari	Gujarat
2. launsor Bhabar	Uttar Pradesh
3. Lepcha	West Bengal
4. Bhopa	Rajasthan
5. Ho	Bihar
6. Brihor	Bihar
7. Korba	Uttar Pradesh
8. Kinner	Himachal Pradesh
9. Gaddi	Himachal Pradesh
10. Saharia	Rajasthan
11. Karsia	Gujarat/Rajasthan
12. Pardhi	Madhya Trrdesh
13. Agaria	Madhya Pradesh
14. Damour	Rajasthsn/Gujarat
15. Bhotia	Uttar Pradesh
16. Khond	Andhra Pradesh
17. Ooorali	Kerala

Out of the above 17, Doordarshan has already telecast programmes on subjects mentioned at Serial No. 1 to 8